खनिज	यूनिट		1996-97		1997-98	
मात्रा	कीमत		मात्रा		कीमत	
एगेट	टन	400	309	234		187
बॉल वले	टन	15	2	15		2
चॉक	टन	123296	29543	116862		27357
वले (अन्य)	टन	35128	422	46088		553
डोलोमाइट	टन	252643	22110	148198		11597
फायरक्ले	टन	98554	5362	82459		3587
फ्लोराइट (ग्रेडिड)	टन	40	147	0		0
फ्लोराटि सांन्ध	टन	19926	112343	11338		76717
जिप्सम	टन	41	40	100		49
कोलिन (प्राकृतिक)	टन	98626	10181	49312		6113
कोलिन (संसाधित)	टन	8939	8598	12310		7676
लाइमस्टोन	हा.टन	11180	722143	14220		763282
केलकेरियस सैंड	टन	107968	3671	18432		627
ओकर	टन	922	89	565		41
क्वार्टज	टन	1998	80	3740		150
सिलिका सैंड	टन	112304	8198	118428		7201
स्टीटाइट	टन	34	2	114		8
वर्मीकुलाइट	टन	0	0	185		60
लेटराइट	टन	98	5	109		6
परलाइट	टन	310	310	88		80
जोड़		27912164		27305741		

Amount Spent on Modernisation of Bokaro Steel Plant

3624. SHRl BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) amount spent in Bokaro modernisation and the agencies involved in that;

(b) the foreign exchange part in the project;

(c) whether any public sector unh like Instrumentation Ltd. was made associate and given some share of work in the project; and

(d) if so, the facts in details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAlS): (a) The amount spent in Bolcaro Steel Plant (BSL) modernisation till March'W -was Rs. 1786.68 crores. The major agencies involved are listed in the Statement *{See below).*

(b) Foreign exchange part in the revised cost estimate of the project approved in August' 95 is Rs. 301 crores.

(c) and (d) M/s Instrumentation Limited was not.-.made a direct associate of Bokaro Steel* Plant modernisation project. However, public sector units aisociated with the project are M/s. Hindustan Steelworks Construction tifthted (HSCL), M/s. Metallurgical

Engineering Consultants Limited (MECON), Mt. Braithwaite and M/s. Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC), etc.

Statement

SI. No	Package	Company
A.	Continuous Casting	HSCL, L&T, ABB, VAI, Austria (Voest-Alpine Industrieanlagenbau)
B.	Reheating Furnace	HSCL, MECON, Italiampianti, Italy (Now Technit)
C.	Hot Strip Mill & Coiler	ABB, SMS(I), (Schloemann-Siemag, India) Simplex, TGS (Tata. Growth Shop) VAI, Austria SMS (AG),-Germany (Schloemann-Siemag, Akiengesfllschaft) GFA, Germany
D.	Indigenous packages	HEC, Braithwaite, HSCL, Siemens, Wellman, BSBK, NICCO, KPC. TELCO, Philips, Ashok Leyland, etc.

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3625. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative price of steel during last five years, year wise in the country and the steel imported;

(b) the reasons for increase in the prices and its likely effect on production and demand;

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the prices of steel produced by Steel Companies like SAIL, TISCO, ESSAR and other private steel companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the cost of steel production both in private and public sector separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESRBAIS): (a) to (c) After the decontrol of steel in January 1992, the demand, production and prices of steel are driven by market forces. The prices of imported and domestic steel items vary depending upon specific grades, thicknesses and composition. Prices are also dependent on incidence of duties, levies, taxes and foreign exchange rate. These factors are dynamic and keep changing frequently. However, the landed cost of imports, inclusive of custom duty,of steel items at present, are generally higher as compared to the ex-stockyard prices of SAIL. Government has no role to play in pricing of steel produced by the main producers. Secondary producers were free to fix their own prices even prior to 1992. The open market prices of steel have not shown any drastic increase in the past one year. The reason being that the markel'is unable to sustain the high cost of steel.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) to (c) above.

(e) The cost of production of steel primarily depends upon prices of inputs tuch as iron ore, coal, steel scrap and energy, cost of freight and labour Custom&^xcise Duty on inputs and raw materials and financial charges. The cost of these inputs/'factors keeps varying from time to time according to the inter-play of market forces. The cost of production also varies from item to item and depends on the specification thickness, grade etc. of the steel items required to be produced. As such an average cost of steel production cannot be arrived at.